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PROGRAM: "A Survey of Byzantine Coins"

SPEAKER: Maurice Miller

This month's program is a repeat of the progam given by Mr. Miller in May 1970. There have been several requests for a repeat of this program from those who missed it. Mr. Miller will present a discussion of Byzantine coins pointing up the difference between this coinage and others. His talk will be augmented by the use of 35mm color slides.

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Profit and Loss Statement

Year of 1970

INCOME:			
Dues		$764.75	
Gross Profit on Sales to Members		602.84	
Commissions on Auctions		16.40	
Gross Profit on Door Prizes		12.15	
Donations		13.17	
TOTAL INCOME			$1,409.31
EXPENSES:			
Bulletin Printing & Supplies		$717.96	
Postage to mail Bulletin:	$516.24		
Less Airmail paid by foreign members:	-86.75		
Net Bulletin Postage:		429.49	
Meeting Room Expense		90.00	
Letterhead Printing		40.59	
Membership Application Printing		80.90	
TNA Dues		4.00	
Awards		52.52	
Paper for N.I. Notes		26.90	
Audio Visual Library		34.40	
Miscellaneous Expense		129.23	
TOTAL EXPENSES			1,605.99
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR 1970			$ 196.68

After looking over the above statement, consider for a minute or two that we will have a 33-1/3% increase in domestic First Class Postage rates in May of this year.

This increased postage cost and the fact that we had an operating deficit in 1970 should be an incentive for all members to strive toward meeting the goal of 500 active N.I. members during 1971.

The Membership Drive has been extended and will run until the goal of 500 members is reached. Each and every members support of this goal is a must.

Staff Reports & Club News

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

417 John H. Ballard, P. O. Box 1122, Perry Annex, Whittier, Calif. 90603 -- (British, Germany and Islamic)

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472-MT T. W. Sheehan, 1710½ Lake Wash. Bl. S., Seattle, Wash. 98144 -- (English Types & Tokens)

JANUARY APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Membership Applications #562-577 published in the January Bulletin have been admitted to membership.

FEBRUARY APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: The following persons have applied for membership. If no written objections are received by March 1, 1971, their membership becomes effective that date. (MT - Trades by Mail)

578-MT Richard D. Montrey, DVM, 1826 Kenny Road, Columbus, Ohio 43212 -- (Germany & Benelux)

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580-MT William K. Carey, Buffalo, N. Y. 14226 (Ancients)

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582-MT Harry M. Bottenfield, Chicago, Ill. 60645 (World Types, Oriental)

583-MT Larry Knight, 8355 Southwestern - #241, Dallas, Texas 75206 -- (World Types)

584-MT Donald R. Gilmore, Houston, Texas (Mexico, Central America)

1971 DUES

1971 Dues and now due and the names of members in arrears at the time of distribution of the March NI Bulletin will be listed therein. If you have not paid your 1971 Dues by now, please remit them promptly to the club address.

EXTRA MATERIAL ON HAND FOR SALE

A considerable amount of material left over from previous monthly offerings in the N. I. Notes has accumulated. This material, over $200.00 worth, is tying up working capital of the organization. A complete list of these extras is included in your copy of N. I. Notes this month and each member is requested to check it over carefully and help us liquidate this inventory. Anyone ordering $10.00 or more from this special list of extras may deduct 10% for that part of their monthly order.

MAIL BID SALE

As announced last month, efforts are underway to start conducting periodical Mail Bid Sales for NI Membership.

It was hoped to have the rules and announce the date to start accepting items for this first sale this month. However, we have decided to delay this for another month as the rules by which the sale will be conducted are not finalized. The Board of Governors and the Mail Bid Sale Committee decided it would be best to delay for another month and get it started off properly rather than rush into it and have to make changes unnecessarily.

Baring further delays, formal announcement of the first sale will be made in the March NI Bulletin.

The Committee, announced last month from Little Rock area, has added another member. He is G. D. Thannisch.

BACK ISSUES OF NI BULLETINS FOR SALE

All bulletins listed in the January NI Bulletin are still available, plus the January 1971 issue.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION BLANKS

Do you have a friend or correspondent that you think should be a member of N.I.? Ask for copies of the N.I. Membership Application from Membership Chairman Jack E. Lewis. We don't know if you need them unless you let us know.

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1969 "FISH" RIJKSDAALDERS

In other pages of this bulletin you will find an article by Bob de Ruyter of Amsterdam, The Netherlands concerning the scarce 1969 2½ Guilders with the "Fish" mintmaster mark. Only 1,200,000 were struck and it is expected that this coin will become one of the Dutch keys in future years.

Through the courtesy of Bob de Ruyter, he has supplied N.I. with three copies of this scarce coin. They will be offered at auction at this month's meeting. Be sure to attend if you desire to get a copy of this coin at a reasonable cost.

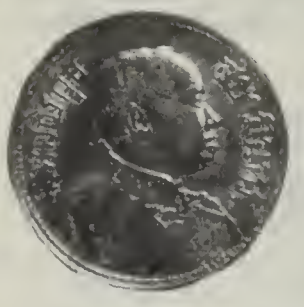
Bob de Ruyter asked that members do not write him for copies of this coin as he is unable to obtain anymore.

If unable to attend the meeting, mail bids will be accepted on these coins if received by meeting time. For out of state members wishing to bid, airmail is suggested.

VARIETY OF SIAM Y43-44

by Albert J. Ruh

In the year 2462 (1919) there were two types of 1/4 and 1/2 Baht coins issued by Siam (Yeoman Nos. 43 and 44). The first type is identical to those issued in other years. The second type (or "dot" variety) has a dot or period following the legend on the right side. This dot appears on both the obverse and reverse.



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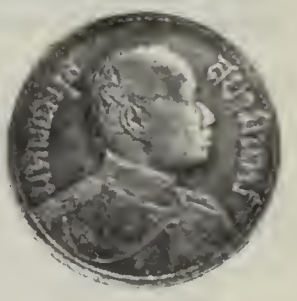

Regular Type

The 1/2 Baht (Y44) is readily found but the 1/4 Baht (Y43) is somewhat rare. Bangkok coin dealers price the dot variety Y43 several times higher than the more common type. Seldom is Y44 sold at a premium.

"NETHERLANDS SWITCHES TO NICKEL"

by Bob de Ruyter, Amsterdam

Under this headline I saw an article in Numismatic News of November 24, 1970, which read as follows:

> "Replacing the silver coin of the same denomination, Netherlands' nickel 2½ guilders dated 1969 is also smaller (29mm) than its predecessor. Bearing the caduceus mint-mark of the Utrecht Mint, the reverse shows the crowned arms, date and denomination. Queen Juliana's portrait is the obverse design. An edge inscription reads: 'God zij met ons' (God Be With Us). The coin (Y62a) was first issued on October 26, 1970."

For the benefit of the NI Bulletin readers, and in particular for those NI members who collect Dutch coins, I would like to give some further information. First of all, The Netherlands had already switched to nickel in 1967, being the first year of issue of the nickel one guilder pieces (Y61a). Moreover, our silver coins were not replaced by the nickel ones. At this moment, both silver and nickel one guilder and 2½ guilders (rijksdaalders) are still in circulation as legal tender.

Indeed, on October 26, 1970, the nickel rijksdaalders were put into circulation. But the article failed to inform you that there are nickel rijksdaalders with two different mint-master marks, since a part of the mintage took place under the former mint-master Dr. van Hengel.

The following data should certainly be of interest:

NICKEL RIJKSDAALDERS, BEARING THE CADUCEUS MINT-MARK, ISSUED IN 1970:

Mint-master mark	Date	Quantity
Fish	1969	1,200,000
Cock	1969	15,600,000

The fish rijksdaalders were struck between May 1 and July 1, 1969 under Dr. van Hengel. After July 1, 1969 the present mint-master, Dr. Ir. M. van den Brandhof, was in charge and from that date the rijksdaalders were struck with his mint-master mark - the cock.

Incidentally, in proportion to the number of inhabitants of The Netherlands (12,000,000), only every ten Dutchmen can have a fish rijksdaalder. Therefore, you can imagine that I do not find these coins in circulation. At present they are already scarce, but I was lucky to obtain a few in uncirculation condition, although I only collect coins depicting ships or connected with seafaring.

NEWLY DISCOVERED BOLIVIAN TYPES

by Richard R. Schubert

Recent research has disclosed that Bolivia Y-75 and Y-76 each exist in two separate and distinct types. To the best of my knowledge, the differences described below are not mentioned in any catalog.

Bolivia Y-75 (5 centavos) and Y-76 (10 centavos) were issued in the years 1893 through 1919, though not in all years. The distinction between the two kinds of coinage during this period lies in the relationship between the obverse and the reverse dies.

The coins of 1893, 1918 and 1919 feature a top-to-top die orientation; that is, the top of the obverse design and the top of the reverse design are at the same point on the coin, though separated by the thickness of the coin of course. As this is the orientation generally used on British coins, the coins of these three years will be referred to as "British type".

In the remaining years of issue--1895, 1897, 1899, 1902, 1907, 1908 and 1909--the orientation of the coins is such that the top of the obverse design and the bottom of the reverse design are concurrent. In effect, the reverse design is rotated 180° compared to the "British type" coin. As this style is normally used on the coins of France, I will refer to the coins with this orientation as "French type".

It is, of course, not uncommon to find coins with various degrees of die rotation; these are mint errors and appear on only a small percentage of the coins of a given issue. However, in the case of Y-75 and Y-76, there is a deliberate change in orientation from one year to the next. I challenge the reader to name any other coin with such a change. It may well be that such a change in orientation is unique to Bolivia Y-75 and Y-76.

It has also been noted that there is a small difference in planchet size in the 10 centavo coins. The difference is negligible--on the order of 2/10's of a millimeter--with the French type being the larger. No such difference has been detected in the 5 centavo coins.

For the collector interested in varieties, the French type can be further broken down according to the privy marks on the coins. The 1895 issue bears the cornucopia of the Paris mint administration and the fasces of graveur Jean Lagrange. The issues of 1897, 1902, 1907, 1908 and 1909 have the cornucopia and also the torch of graveur Henri-Auguste Patey while the 1899 issue has no privy marks.

The following table summarizes the distinguishing features of these coins. Mintage figures have been added to provide some indication of relative rarity.

	ENGLISH TYPE	FRENCH TYPE		
		Variety 1	Variety 2	Variety 3
Die Orientation:	top-to-top	top-to-bottom	top-to-bottom	top-to-bottom
Planchet size:				
5 Centavos	20mm	20mm	20mm	20mm
10 Centavos	25mm	25.2mm	25.2mm	25.2mm
Identifying Marks:	none	cornucopia & fasces	cornucopia & torch	none
Mint of Issue:	Birmingham	Paris	Paris	Paris
Dates of Issue:	1893 1918,19	1895	1897 1902,07, 1908,09	1899
Mintage in Millions:				
5 Centavos	8.4	2	12.5	2
10 Centavos	8.75	1	28.75	3

Some comments regarding the 1893 issues are appropriate at This point. These coins are attributed to the Paris mint in at least two reputable catalogues. This attribution became suspect when the absence of the privy marks associated with the Paris mint was noted. It was then found that the die orientation was of the British type instead of the French type. When a friend reported that the 1893 issues are not listed in the Paris mint report, it became certain that these coins were not minted in France. Now, through the kindness of Mr. W. R. P. King, managing director of The Mint, Birmingham, Limited, I have been able to verify that the 1893 Bolivian 5 and 10 centavo coins were minted at Birmingham.

A short note relative to the 1899 issues is, perhaps, mandatory. The absence of privy marks from this issue raises the question of whether these coins are, in fact, products of the Paris mint. The answer appears to be "yes" as they are listed in the Paris mint report and are French type as regards die orientation. The absence of privy marks from the 1899 issues seems to be part of a temporary discontinuance of the use of privy marks in the waning years of the 19th century. A new issue of coins of metropolitan France--Y-58 through Y-64--does not have privy marks in the years 1897 through 1900 (though privy marks were added to Y-60 through Y-64 in 1901) so the absence of privy marks from the 1899 Bolivian issues is not remarkable.

I would like to thank Holland Wallace of the Whitman Division of Western Publishing Company and, especially, Mr. W. R. P. King of The Mint, Birmingham, Limited, for their generous assistance in the research for this article.

GEORGIAN NUMERALS AND DATES

by Patrick D. Hogan

Much attention has been given in recent issues of R. S. Yeoman's "Modern World Coins" to explaining the dating systems of such exotic places as Israel, Thailand and Ethiopia. It is hoped that the last remaining peculiar native script not discussed in the common general numismatic references will be so given in the next edition of William D. Craig's "Coins of the World 1750-1850". This being the Georgian numeral and dating system. The only place that I have seen this given is in the specialistic monograph, "Studies in the Numismatic History of Georgia in Transcaucasia", by David M. Lang, (1955).

Actually, there is no problem in the dating system, for the Georgians are Christian, and date in the Anno Domini. The difficulty, which is slight, is in fashioning the ciphers into the whole numeral.

As the Hebrew system, the Georgians give a numerical value to the letters of the alphabet. Therefore, their 38 letters of the modern (Mkhedruli) alphabet represent 37 different numerals (Letters 22 and 23 can both be used as the numeral 400). The table below gives the 38 letters, their transliteration and numerical value.

a	b	g	d	e	v	z	ey	t'	i	k	l	m	n
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	20	30	40	50

y	o	p	zh	r	s	t	u	w	p'	k'	gh	q
60	70	80	90	100	200	300	400	400	500	600	700	800

sh	ch	c	dz	ds	tch	kh	kh	j	h	ho
900	1000	2000	3000	4000	5000	6000	7000	8000	9000	10000

In converting these letter-numerals into a date you merely add them up:

= 1000 + 800 + 10, i.e. 1810.

= 1000 + 800 + 20 + 1.; 1821.

These are the dates on the two illustrated coins in COW, page 610.

This letter-number table should be sufficient to allow even the casual collector to read and date the coins of Georgia inscribed in the Mkhedruli script. Thus, we see that the obverse of this series is inscribed TP'ILISI (i.e., Tiflis, the capital). The 20 puli, also called a bisti, has the numeral for 20 at the top, a K. The second line bears the word K'ART'ULI, meaning, "Georgian", and the third line, the denomination, P'ULI. The date is below this. On the silver piece, the legend is basically the same, with the numeral 400, a U, at the top, and the word T'ET'RI replacing the word P'ULI. Below the date on the silver coins are the mintmaster's initials, in Russian script. Puli means "copper", and thetri means "white", i.e., "silver". Thus the complete legends on these two coins are:

"20 Georgian coppers, 1810"

"400 Georgian silver (coins) 1821, A.T. (Alexander Trifonov)"

The Georgian mint was officially closed in 1834.

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VARIATIONS OF INDORE COPPERS

by Richard K. Bright

The illustration of Indore Y-1 in Modern World Coins is dated in the Samvat Era 1945 or 1888 A.D. The inscription in the beaded circle on the reverse consists of two Gujerati characters denoting the denomination value on the top line, three characters in the middle line and the date in four characters in the bottom line. Sometimes there is a horizontal line between the second and third line although none shows on the illustration. The same can be said of Y-2 however the top two characters are different. Later years of both denominations have three characters on the top line which are इंदौर and, if I'm reading them properly, spell IN-DO-R, thus the name of the state. The previous top line characters move down to the second line which still contains the first two characters of the older variety. The last character of the second line becomes the first of the bottom. To summarize, the new variety has on the three lines respectively three, four and five characters instead of the two, three and four shown on the coin in MWC. The change-over year would appear to be sometime between 1888 and 1891 so it is possible that there are two varieties of Y-3 as well. Following is a list of the dates and varieties I know of. I would be most interested in receiving additional information.

Y-1 Two characters top line 1887(S.1944), 1888(S.1945)

Y-1a Three characters top line 1891(S.1948)

Y-2 Two characters top line 1887(S.1944), 1888(S.1945)

Y-2a Three characters top line 1891, 1899-1900(S.1956-57)

Member Notice Page

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R. A. Nelson, 1809 Bardfield, Garland, Texas 75040: Will trade collection of over 2300 bus and parking meter tokens. List available. Want foreign type coins, obsolete foreign paper money. Anybody wanting to trade foreign coins - send me your list of duplicates and I will send you mine. Thanks.

Alfred Cornil, 2, Beausite, B6100 MONT SUR MARCHIENNE, Belgium: Help wanted for French Colonies, especially French Cochin China and Indo China 1 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 15 18 20a 22 V31 23. Have a large choice of minors and crowns for trade. All letters answered. Thanks.

Robert Cardiff, 1002 S. Cottage Grove, Urbana, Illinois 61801: WANTED: Out of print books and sale catalogs on Russian copper, silver and gold coins. All letters will be answered.

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Robert T. McIntire, P. O. Box 1066, Jacksonville, Arkansas 72076: I would like to locate copies of "World Coins" catalogs for my library. I am in need of: Vols. 4, 5, & 6 - all issues; Vol. 7 - Issues No. 73, 74, 75 and 76. I will be happy to buy or trade, if reasonable.

James H. Smith, 13 Napier Ave., Takapuna Auckland 9, New Zealand: Would like to correspond by tape recorder with view to exchange information and possible coins; British Commonwealth and World Crowns. Would especially welcome member in Dallas area attending N.I. meetings. 3" reel, 3-3/4 I.P.S.

SFC Walter T. Johnson, HQ MACV J213, APO San Francisco 96222: Information on Chinese Brass Ration Coins listed as Y-337 and Y-338 and reference sources for further study. If possible would like a rubbing, drawing or photograph. Any and all information and/or leads appreciated.

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